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1. BEGIN SUMMARY: RESPONSIBLE ELEMENTS OF THE EC COMMISSION ARE CLEARLY MAKING AN EFFORT TO KEEP THE QUESTION OF NEW US LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR NUCLEAR MATERIALS FROM BEING BLOWN UP OUT OF PROPORTION. NEVERTHELESS, THIS QUESTION CONTINUES TO BE REGARDED AS A MOST SERIOUS ONE IN BRUSSELS AND ONE THAT ONLY EARLY POSITIVE ACTION BY THE US WILL RESOLVE. END SUMMARY.

2. IN SPITE OF OUR EFFORTS HERE (REFTEL B), IN WASHINGTON (REFTEL D), AND IN PARIS (REFTEL F) TO CLARIFY AND COUNTER THE MISUNDERSTANDING ABOUT THE NEW US PROCEDURES FOR
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LICENSING NUCLAR MATEIAL, THE ISSUE CONTINUES TO BE

TAKEN VERY SERIOUSLY HERE. IN THE PAST FEW DAYS HE QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED WITH MISSION OFFICERS INFORMALLY BE MOELLER, THE CHEF DE CABINET TO EC COMMISSIONER BRUNNER WHO IS THE PRIMARY TOP-LEVEL OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS QUESTION (REFTEL B) AND BY VANDEN ABEELE, DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET TO COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT SIMONET, IN CHARGE OF ENERGY. BOTH MEN DISCUSSED THE ISSUE IN A PRACTICAL, NON-POLEMICAL MANNER, BUT MADE CLEAR THE COMMISSION'S CONTINUED CONCERN.

3. MOELLER NOTED THAT THE PROBLEM HAD COME AT A PARTICULARLY BAD TIME. HE AND VANDEN ABEELE, AS WELL AS A FEW OTHER LOCAL CONTACTS, HAVE SUGGESTED THAT DESPITE OUR DENIALS SOME COMMUNITY OPINION STILL SEES IN THE NRC ACTION A POSSIBLE SIGN OF A US POLITICAL MANEUVER OR POLICY CHANGE TOWARD SUPPLYING EUROPE WITH NUCLEAR MATERIAL.

4. WE WERE ALSO IN TOUCH ON APRIL 24 WITH AMORY, THE COMMISSION OFFICIAL IN THE DIRECTORATE FOR RESEARCH, SCIENCE AND EDUCATION, WHO HAS BEEN NAMED BY THE COMMISSION AS ITS CONTACT MAN FOR THIS QUESTION. AMORY CONFIRMED THAT THE COMMISSION WAS MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE ISSUE QUIET AND IN PERSPECTIVE BUT EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE THE COMMUNITY ATTACHED TO IT. HE SAID IF IT WERE NOT QUICKLY RESOLVED HE FEARED THE "COMMERCIAL CREDIBILITY" OF THE US COULD BE AFFECTED. AMORY NOTED THAT THE COMMISSION HAD ACCEPTED THE US POSITION THAT THE TALKS--WITHOUT DELAY" ENVISAGED BY SIMONET'S AIDE-MEOIRE OF APRIL 10 COULD NOT TAKE PLACE FOR TEN DAYS OR TWO WEEKS (PARA 2F, REFTEL D) BUT THAT TIME WAS ALREADY RUNNING OUT. HE EARNESTLY HOPED THEY COULD BEGIN ASAP.

5. COMMENT: WE RECOMMEND THAT US/EC CONSULTATIONS ON THIS ISSUE BE INITIATED THE WEEK OF APRIL 28 EVEN IF ALL THE PREPARATIONS HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETED, AND EVEN IF THE FIRST MEETING MERELY GOES OVER GROUND WE HAVE ALREADY COVERED. AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE OF SUCH ACTION WOULD BE TO ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO SAY THAT TALKS WITH THE US ARE TAKING PLACE. END COMMENT.GREENWALD

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